Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for spinning a multifilament thread from a thermoplastic material, comprising ~~the steps of~~ extruding a ~~the~~ melted thermoplastic material through a spinneret having ~~with~~ a plurality of spinneret holes to form a filament bundle comprised of ~~with~~ a plurality of filaments, winding the filaments as thread after solidifying, and cooling the filament bundle ~~in two steps~~ beneath the spinneret, wherein the cooling is conducted in a first cooling zone and a second cooling zone, wherein in the ~~whereby in a~~ first cooling zone, the gaseous cooling medium flow is directed in such a way that it flows through the filament bundle transversely, and ~~the method being characterized in that~~ wherein the cooling medium leaves the filament bundle substantially ~~practically~~ completely on a ~~the~~ side opposite an ~~the~~ inflow side, and wherein in the ~~in a~~ second cooling zone, which is beneath the first cooling zone, the filament bundle is cooled further ~~essentially~~ through self-suction of the gaseous cooling medium surrounding the filament bundle.

2. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transverse flow of the gaseous cooling medium is established in the first cooling zone by sucking the gaseous cooling medium ~~sucked away~~ with a suction device after flowing through the ~~thread~~ filament bundle.

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1, ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the flow speed of the gaseous cooling medium in the first cooling zone is between 0.1 and 1 m/s.

4. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the first cooling zone has a length between 0.2 and 1.2 m.

5. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 4, characterized in that~~ wherein in the second cooling zone, ~~step is performed by leading~~ the filaments are led between perforated materials~~, e.g. perforated panels,~~ in such a way that the gaseous cooling medium can reach the filaments from two sides during the self-suction.

6. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 4, characterized in that~~ wherein in the second cooling zone, ~~step is performed by leading~~ the filament bundle is led through a perforated tube.

7. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the filaments are drawn ~~in a manner known per se~~ after cooling and before being wound up.

8. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the winding is performed at speeds of at least 2000 m/min.

9. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the gaseous cooling medium is air or an inert gas.

10. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 9, characterized in that~~ wherein the thermoplastic material is ~~selected from a group that comprises~~ polyester, polyamide, polyolefin or mixtures of these polymers.

11. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the thermoplastic material consists essentially of polyethylene terephthalate.

12. (Currently Amended) Filament yarns~~, particularly polyester filament yarns, obtainable~~ made by a process according to ~~one or more of the preceding Claims~~ Claim 1 ~~to 11~~.

13. (Currently Amended) Polyester filament yarns having ~~with~~ a breaking tenacity T in mN/tex and an elongation at rupture E in %, wherein the product of the breaking tenacity

T and the cube root of ~~from~~ the elongation at rupture E, $T*E^{1/3}$, is ~~being~~ at least 1600 mN $\%^{1/3}$/tex.

14. (Currently Amended) Polyester filament yarns according to Claim ~~12 or~~ 13, wherein ~~for which~~ the sum of an ~~their~~ elongation in % after application of a specific load (EAST - ~~(~~elongation at specific tension) of 410 mN/tex and a ~~their~~ hot-air shrinkage (HAS) at 180°C in %~~, thus the sum of~~ (EAST + HAS)~~,~~ is less than 11%~~, preferably less than 10.5%~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Cord comprising polyester filament yarns according to ~~one or more of Claims~~ Claim 13~~12 to 14~~, the cord having a retention capacity Rt in % after dipping, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a ~~the~~ quality factor Q_f, which is ~~i.e.~~ the product of $T*E^{1/3}$ of the polyester filament yarns and Rt of the cord, is greater than 1350 mN $\%^{1/3}$/tex.

16. (New) Method according to claim 5, wherein the perforated materials comprise perforated panels.

17. (New) Filament yarns according to claim 12, wherein the filament yarns are polyester filament yarns.

18. (New) Polyester filament yarns according to claim 14, wherein the sum of EAST + HAS is less than 10.5%.